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Dear Minister,

MEETING WITH PC ON COGTA ON THE STIMULUS PACKAGE TO MUNICIPALITIES

Pursuant to the President's announcement of a stimulus package that would also assist municipalities to maintain liquidity, the Committee would like to invite the Department of Cooperative Governance and the South African Local Government Association (SALGA) for a briefing, with a view to unpacking the details of this package including:

- Whether it is sufficient to cover the deficit arising from depressed municipal revenue sources
- Addressing the delivery of basic services to households that can longer afford to pay
- Other measures and interventions planned should the allocated R20 billion prove insufficient
- Any other relevant matter, in relation to the COVID 19 development, that affects municipal viability.

The proposed meeting date is Tuesday, 28 April 2020, on MS Teams, 16:00 – 18:00. For any clarity or information please communicate with the Committee Secretary, Ms S Cassiem, tel nr: 021 403 3769/0837098533 or e-mail: scassiem@parliament.gov.za.

I trust you find the above in order.

Yours sincerely

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Cc.Parliamentary Liaison

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**LOCAL
GOVERNMENT'S
RESPONSE TO COVID-
19
PORTFOLIO
COMMITTEE: COGTA
28 APRIL 2020**

PRESENTATION OUTLINE

COVID-19

Disaster Management Act Directives to LG;

COVID-19

Local Government's Response;

COVID-19

Additional burden of Disaster Management Act Directives and Impact of COVID-19 on LG Revenue;

COVID-19

Concerns; Challenges & Fiscal Response;

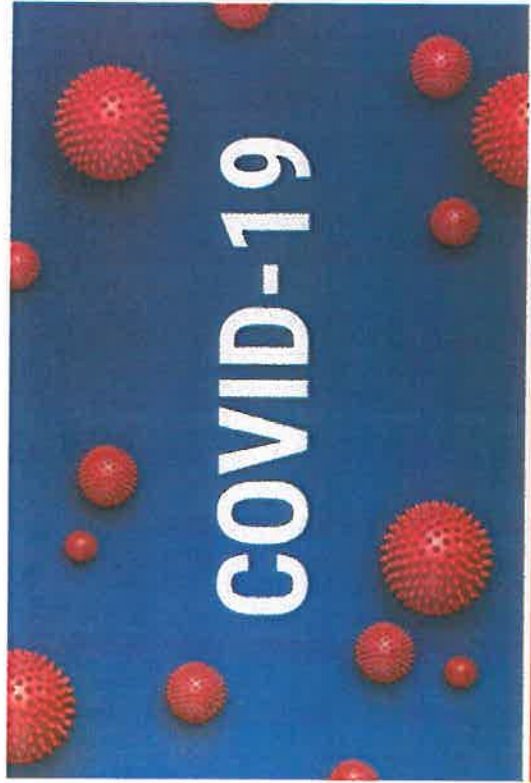
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Proposed Local Government Solidarity Pledge;

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Recommendations

DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT DIRECTIVES TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT

An infographic shaped like the map of South Africa, titled "WHAT IS A NATIONAL STATE OF DISASTER?". It features a central slogan "KEEP SOUTH AFRICA HEALTHY" and several numbered callouts:

- 1. **These Regulations are set in place to further prevent the COVID-19 virus and other communicable diseases from spreading. Violation may be fined or imprisoned.**
- 2. **TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS:** Persons who are returning from a foreign country must self-quarantine for 14 days.
- 3. **COVID-19:** Persons who are returning from a foreign country must self-quarantine for 14 days.
- 4. **ALCOHOL:** The sale, distribution, and consumption of alcohol is prohibited in public places, except in private homes, and in any other place where the public is invited.
- 5. **EDUCATION:** Every Childhood Centre, Early Childhood Development Centre, and School must be closed from 15 April 2020 to 30 May 2020.
- 6. **FAKE NEWS:** Anyone that circulates or disseminates information about COVID-19 that is false or misleading is liable to a fine or imprisonment for up to 10 years.
- 7. **ISLANDS:** Restricted to only those persons who are permitted to enter the island.
- 8. **PROHIBITION:** No person may enter or leave an island without the necessary permits.
- 9. **KEEP SOUTH AFRICA HEALTHY:** No person may enter or leave a province without the necessary permits.

DMA DIRECTIVES

REGULATION / CIRCULARS

REGULATORY PRESCRIPT

DMA COGTA

Regulation No.318

- Make resources and funding available to implement the Regulations or directions issued
- Prevention and prohibition of gatherings with more than 50 people
- Identify and make available sites to be used as isolation and quarantine facilities and provide the list to the DOH for resourcing.

DMA COGTA

Regulation No.399

- Provision of water and sanitation services
- Communication, awareness, and hygiene education
- Waste Management ,Cleansing and Sanitisation
- Municipal public spaces, facilities and offices
- Isolation and quarantine
- Municipal operations and governance
- Develop COVID -19 Response Plans
- Precautionary measures to mitigate employee health and safety risks

DMA DIRECTIVES



REGULATION / CIRCULARS

REGULATORY PRESCRIPT

DMA Transport Regulation No.412

- Provision of improved access and hygiene, disinfection control on all public transport facilities.
- Embarkation of public transport passengers in the public transport vehicles
- Prohibition of service of certain public transport during lockdown

MFMA Treasury Regulation No. 429

- Municipalities are exempted from MFMA actions during period of national state of disaster (adoption of draft budget and budget)

COGTA Circular No.7 of 2020

- Community Halls and recreation centres may be used to provide essential services such as for the processing and payment of SASSA social grants

COGTA Circular No.8 of 2020

- Municipalities to refurbish taxi ranks to curb the spread of COVID-19



LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE



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PROVISION OF ESSENTIAL SERVICES

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The following essential services are being rendered by municipalities:-

- Municipal traffic services & road traffic incident management;
- Municipal health services;
- Disaster and Emergency Services;
- Supply and distribution of water and electricity – with **no disconnection or disruption** of distribution;
- Security services for the purpose of securing infrastructure, access control, property and information at water utilities and pump stations;
- Issuance of Trading Permits; and
- Waste Management and Collection.

DMA COGTA Regulation No.318 QUARANTINE FACILITIES AND SHELTERS

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QUARANTINE FACILITIES:

- 57 quarantine facilities have been identified;
- 28 are already activated;
- 855 facilities have been quarantined.

SHELTERS:

- 166 shelters for homeless have been operationalized;
- Approximately 13 695 homeless people have been accommodated.

MUNICIPAL FACILITIES IDENTIFIED FOR QUARANTINE



PROVINCE	NUMBER
Eastern Cape	8
Free State	10
Gauteng	5
Kwazulu-Natal	11
Limpopo	5
Mpumalanga	3
Northern Cape	5
Northwest	4
Western Cape	6
Total	57

DMA COGTA Regulation No.399 WATER AND SANITATION

WATER AND SANITATION

WATER TANKS:

Capacity 2500L – 10 000L

- 19 011 water tanks allocated across all provinces with 2138 contributed by Municipalities

WATER TANKERS:

Capacity 10 000L – 18 000L

- 1315 Tankers allocated across all provinces with 243 contributed by Municipalities

WATER TANKS AND TANKERS DEPLOYED



PROVINCE	NUMBER OF TANKS ALLOCATED	TANKS DELIVERED	NO OF TANKS REMAINING TO BE DELIVERED	TANKS INSTALLED	NO OF TANKS ALLOCATED	TANKERS DELIVERED	NO OF TANKERS REMAINING TO BE DELIVERED
Western Cape	719	709	10	191	59	59	0
Eastern Cape	5 395	4 847	584	3 196	201	171	30
Northern Cape	837	668	169	379	86	75	11
North West	1 321	1 310	11	1 073	145	145	0
Free State	2 533	1 385	1 148	949	134	134	0
Limpopo	726	625	101	382	43	34	9
Gauteng	2 812	1 938	874	1 363	56	52	4
Mpumalanga	657	653	4	277	59	59	0
KZN	4 011	4 000	11	3 150	532	527	5
Total	19 011	16 135	2 876	10 960	1 315	1 256	59



DMA COGTA Regulation No.399 COMMUNICATION, AWARENESS AND HYGIENE

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COMMUNICATION & AWARENESS:

- A number of municipalities have run successful awareness campaigns across different areas in the community;
- Mayors have been at the forefront of local radio and social media campaigns.

HYGIENE:

- Decontamination, disinfection, sanitising and cleaning of public places are on going, tax ranks and high traffic public spaces

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CIRCULAR 11 / 2020

FROM : GULK THEMBELE MKAUMENGS
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TO : EXECUTIVE MAYORS / MAYORS
 SALGA PROVINCIAL CHAIRPERSONS
 SALGA NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
 CITY/MUNICIPAL MANAGERS

DATE : 20 MARCH 2020

ROLE OF MUNICIPAL LEADERSHIP IN CURBING THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

As communicated in the SALGA Circular 11/2020, the COVID-19 pandemic is impacting all aspects of our society and requiring unprecedented action on the part of government, across all three spheres, to curb the spread of the virus. The impact of the President's decision on the 23rd of March to effect a 21 days national 'lockdown' has far reaching implications for municipalities, in particular, who are at the forefront of the delivery of essential services.

Whereas it is encouraging to note that municipalities are strictly and without exception adhering to the range of directives issued by national and provincial departments, in direct response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are concerned that councilors, under the direct political leadership of Executive Mayors and Mayors, have not been visible in ensuring that services are rendered concurrently to the local communities and intervening in areas where pockets of communities have elected to ignore the national lockdown directives.

We are therefore calling on Executive Mayors and Mayors, working closely with the municipal treas, provincial and national government public office bearers, to take the lead and become the face of the municipal response and campaign



DMA COGTA Regulation No.399 MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS AND GOVERNANCE

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GOVERNANCE:

- Many municipalities have introduced virtual meetings of Council to process critical matters;
- Most municipalities were able to adopt the draft Budgets prior to the lockdown on 26 March '20;
- Public consultation on the draft Budget and IDPs have been placed on hold until after the lockdown.

OPERATIONS:

- despite the lockdown, operations in municipalities continue to be functional, with particular focus on essential services.

ADDITIONAL BURDEN OF DMA DIRECTIVES AND IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT



ADDITIONAL BURDEN OF DMA DIRECTIVES ON LG



- DMA directives have induced significant additional responsibilities and costs in responding to the pandemic, including:-
 - More frequent levels of service in informal settlements and water constrained communities;
 - extra-ordinary cleansing of public facilities and taxi ranks;
 - Identifying quarantine sites and implementing support interventions for quarantine;
 - identifying hotspots and implementing mitigation measures;
 - monitoring social gatherings;
 - More frequent environmental health inspections;
 - Identifying and availing existing facilities for the homeless and in many instances erecting facilities to accommodate the homeless;
 - Identifying and availing existing facilities for processing of SASSA grant payment.

ALL OF THESE DIRECTIVES PLACE A HUGE FINANCIAL BURDEN ON MUNICIPALITIES

IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON MUNICIPAL REVENUE



- Lockdown will result in job losses and reduced income, this will ultimately impact on municipal revenues with Reduced collection levels and consequent inability to meet financial obligations;
- Reduction of revenue from Water and Electricity due to reduced consumption e.g. closure of companies and businesses;
- Loss of revenue from rental of municipal facilities due to the lockdown - Municipalities with Conference Centres and Community Halls will experience reduced revenues;
- **Municipal revenues are expected to decline** as a result of the economic impacts of the lockdown - 5% drop in payment rates will cost an estimated R14 billion.

PROJECTED UNDER RECOVERIES: WATER & SANITATION

- Potential Water & Sanitation projected under recovery:
 - Estimates will be billed during lockdown period and impact will only be realised once actual billings include the lockdown period and payments are made by customers;
 - Assumptions made to estimate projected under recoveries:
 - Reduction in revenue from business and schools;
 - Assumed biggest impact will come from the poorer households - these reflect predominant portion of outstanding debt at present;
 - Collection rate for last 3 months of 2019/20 is anticipated to drastically reduce.

PROJECTED UNDER RECOVERIES: ELECTRICITY

- Sundry projections:
 - Similar to Water, the collection rate will drastically reduce for the remainder of 2019/20 financial year, with an added increased bad debt provision to be factored in;
 - Sales will fall with corresponding bulk purchases reduction.
- For the **2020/21** financial year:
 - Collection ratio will decline in many municipalities for the remaining period till 30th June 2021;
 - Sales will fall over the entire period and corresponding bulk purchases will also drop.

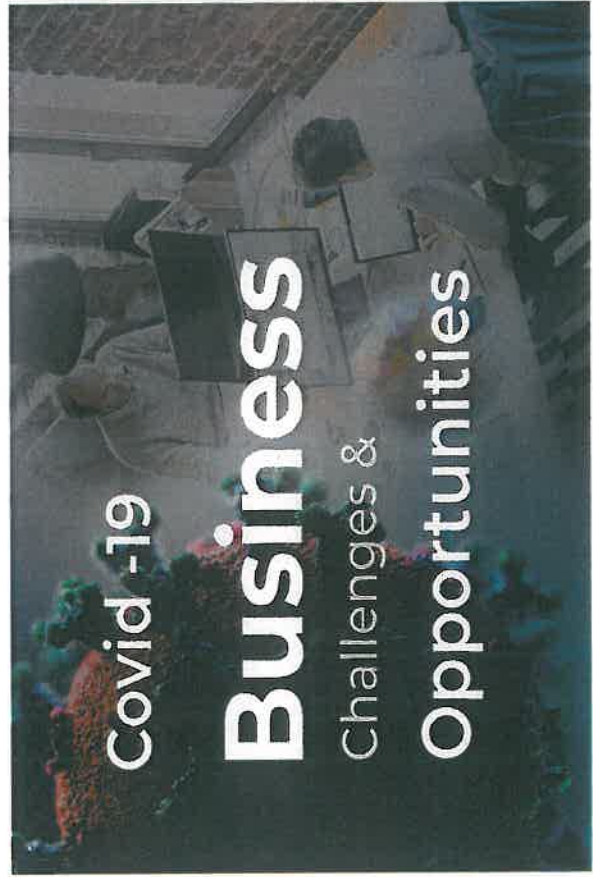
PROJECTED UNDER RECOVERIES: PROPERTY RATES

- No provision made in MFMA or Municipal Rates Policies to accommodate any special rebates or reductions in rates:-
 - **Reduction of income (accrual):**
 - Impact on Property Rates loss for guest houses, bed and breakfast and hotels have been calculated as these are most severely impacted on;
 - Municipalities may have to consider a change in property categories for rates relief e.g. bed and breakfast when assisting as pandemic facilities.
 - **Cash impact**
 - Property Rates under-recoveries / collection rate impact is also estimated to decrease both the 2019/20 and 2020/21 financial years.

OTHER REVENUE UNDER-RECOVERIES

- In addition to the major Revenue sources, the following projected under-recoveries have also been analysed:
 - Events revenue at Municipal Stadiums, Convention Centres and other city facilities;
 - Rental of facilities;
 - Fine and other traffic revenue – limited amount of traffic officers and tickets issued;
 - Municipal Transport (bus fares);
 - Parking & development contributions;
 - Interest on investments.

CONCERNS, CHALLENGES and FISCAL RESPONSE



MUNICIPAL CONCERNS AND CHALLENGES

We have limited resources and means to implement all the directives.

Sites have been identified but do not have the resources to implement the temporary housing of homeless people

Limited manpower to enforce compliance with regulations through entire municipal area.

Demand from labour for a Risk/Danger allowance to be paid to its members executing essential services

We have limited capacity to deep clean and fumigate taxi ranks & congested places

Social distancing is not adhered to when queuing for essential services (Malls and Taxi Ranks)

Not all Councillors have internet connectivity at their homes making virtual meetings a challenge

Whilst welcoming the deployment of water tanks and tankers, we are placed under financial obligation to provide the free water and this creates a much bigger risk of sustainability beyond the crisis.

CHALLENGES: WATER AND SANITATION

WATER AND SANITATION LEVELS OF SERVICES IN MUNICIPALITIES



Water Supply

- Piped Water is the ideal water provision
- Yard Connections
- Borehole
- On site Rain Water
- Public/Communal

- Tanks and Tankers
 - In emergency
 - Interim service provision



Sanitation Services

- Wet connected to sewerage system
- Septic Tank
- Dry – VIPs and Urine Diversion

- Chemical toilets, Containers
 - In emergency
 - Interim service

- Bucket System – unacceptable level of service

WATER AND SANITATION SERVICES PROVISION: RESPONSE TO COVID-19



INTENTION:

- COVID-19 response focused on sanitation and hygiene for concentration points such as taxi ranks, stations and markets;

REALITY:

- 3 million people DO NOT have access to water;
- where water is provided, reliability is only 63%;
- with many poor communities remaining under-served and vulnerable the focus shifted to water provision;
- majority of the unserved are in relatively isolated rural areas where COVID-19 challenge is less acute;

CHALLENGE:

- COVID-19 crisis highlights the challenges to provide and sustain reliable water supply and sanitation services, particularly to poor and vulnerable communities

ARE WATER TANKS AND TANKERS THE SOLUTION?

- The challenges are TOO BIG to resolve with the provision of water tanks and tankers;
- Tanks and tankers are logistically difficult and extremely expensive; costing in the region of R100 million per month;
- Costs are particularly high in dispersed rural communities;
- Use of tanks and tankers: -
 - place a massive logistical management and financial burden on municipalities;
 - have also raised expectations within communities which are NOT sustainable; and
 - Must be regarded as Interim Solutions (Emergency and interventions which are immediate and short term in nature)

IMPACT OF THE WATER TANKS AND TANKERS INTERVENTION?

- Indications are that where water is provided during Covid 19, the impact for communities who were previously un-served is **enormous**;
 - Access to Water to vulnerable communities
 - Improved Frequency of water supply
 - “Free” Water Services
 - Protection of vulnerable communities during Covid 19



RISKS

No.	RISK	IMPACT	MITIGATION FACTORS
1.	Sustaining service provision during and post Covid 19	Discontinued services could compromise the integrity of Government	Work with stakeholder to secure funding through various sources
2.	Manage Community Expectations – access to water	Possible Community unrest and vandalism of the tanks	Communication messages through ward structures
3.	Lack of dedicated Funding and Reprioritisation of funds	Delays in planned Projects implementation	Engage with NT on the funding pronounced by the President
4.	Scale of Intervention (Support to Municipalities) Department of Water and Sanitation has spend R306 and proposes to spend further (R871m)	Delay in the implementation of Bulk projects for economic growth	Explore securing adequate funds from the R20B and CEO to engage with A-DG DWS

SHORT TERM EXPANSION OF THE INTERVENTION?

- Further expansion of this intervention will require substantial budget allocation either to municipalities or to DWS;
- Continuing this programme over many months will divert limited funding available from the provision of reliable and sustainable solutions;
- Given municipal existing constraints, it is likely that once emergency funding has dried up, the tanks WILL NOT be serviced and will stand empty;
- Urgent need to move rapidly to EXIT the current emergency response and MOVE INTO the next phase of the programme;
- **The focus must shift to sustainable solutions** - a programme to support **WSAs** to provide and sustain water services both technically and financially.

SHORT TERM EXPANSION OF THE INTERVENTION?

- Focus will be on the following, amongst others
 - **Institutional:-** Developing and signing-off on Transfer Agreements for the assets purchased by the Department and to be handed over to municipalities, including related budget commitments;
 - **Financial:-** Using budget prioritisation to address both the Capex and Opex requirements to ensure sustainable service provision as part of the COVID-19 response plan, and beyond;
 - **Operational:-** Identifying appropriate water sources where necessary, as well as the necessary Operation and Maintenance capacities; water quality management;
 - **Phasing out of tankers;**
 - **Installation of rudimentary water supply schemes; and**
 - **Source Development.**

CHALLENGES: CREDIT CONTROL & ELECTRICITY

CREDIT CONTROL

- Following developments pertaining to COVID-19 and its impact, the SALGA NEC at its meeting held on **Friday, 10 April 2020**, noted the following:-
 - Acknowledged that the lockdown has and will likely continue to **impact the income levels** of many households;
 - **disconnection** of electricity and **interruption** of water consumption of defaulting households, **will only worsen** the current COVID-19 induced crisis; and
 - The **reduced collection** levels are highly likely to negative affect the **ability of many municipalities to service their bulk accounts** for water and electricity respectively, amongst others.

CREDIT CONTROL

- As such the SALGA NEC resolved that:-
 1. Whereas municipalities must introduce measures to collect as much revenue as possible, the disconnection of water and electricity should be suspended for the duration of the lockdown period;
 2. Eskom should be engaged to:-
 1. Similar to municipalities, suspend all electricity disconnections for the duration of the lockdown; and
 2. Review the interest payable on arrears caused by and linked to the national state of disaster and the lockdown.
- SALGA NEC called on Municipalities to suspend the disconnection of water and electricity for the duration of the period of the lockdown.

CREDIT CONTROL

- With the revenue erosion, municipalities are likely to default on bulk supply accounts, as municipalities will not be able to use disconnections to put pressure on non-paying consumers;
- This period may even cause municipalities with clean sheets on bulk supply account to actually fall into the Eskom debt trap;
- While we are on lockdown, the demand curve for electricity will be high, some municipalities will exceed notified maximum demand and Eskom will impose the penalty regime.
- Eskom is still doing business as usual during the COVID19 lockdown & continues to send disconnection threats.



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Dear Ms Mototo

RE REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF PAYMENT OF ESKOM ACCOUNT

Eskom acknowledges the letter from SALGA that you shared with Eskom officials on 17 April 2020 where SALGA intends to engage Eskom on the suspension of electricity disconnections for the duration of the lockdown.

Eskom takes note of the reasons provided by the SALGA amid the COVID 19 pandemic in the country. After lengthy deliberations Eskom is unable to accede to the request to suspend the disconnection of overdue municipal accounts.

The government has approved a special allocation of R20 Billions to municipalities to address the effect of Covid-19 on municipalities and portion of the money allocated to Ramatshere Molloa Local Municipality must be used to pay Eskom account because the grant is solely for the purpose of assisting the municipalities to fulfil its constitutional and contractual obligations and Eskom is one of those obligations

Eskom hereby advises the Ramatshere Molloa Local Municipality to use the portion of the special grant by National Treasury to pay its account and further Eskom would like to reiterate that non-conformance to the Electricity Supply Agreement and or the Payment Arrangement agreement entered into with municipality may lead to Eskom applying contractual obligations stipulated in the contracts between Eskom and the Municipality.

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Yours sincerely

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Dear Mr Kannemyer

REQUEST FOR THREE MONTH PAYMENT HOLIDAY IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 SITUATION FACING NGWATHE MUNICIPALITY

Eskom acknowledges your letter dated 13 April 2020 for a three-month payment holiday amid the COVID-19 pandemic in the country.

Eskom takes note of the reasons provided by the Municipality. After lengthy deliberations Eskom is unable to accede to your request for a three-month payment holiday.

Eskom is rendering an essential service and to successfully continue to render this service, it is important that payment for services is maintained. Failure to settle accounts timeously may result in customers being subjected to Eskom's credit control processes.

Eskom hereby advises the Ngwathe Municipality to seek alternative steps to remedy the situation and would like to reiterate that non-conformance to the Electricity Supply Agreement may lead to Eskom applying the contractual obligations as stipulated in the contract between Eskom and the Municipality.

Regards


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FISCAL RESPONSE

PROBLEM STATEMENT

- The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic will be felt by municipalities long after the 21 day lockdown has ended. Some of the preventative measures municipalities are required to put in place during the lock down will be expected to be continued on a long term basis.
- This is business unusual – the fiscal flexibility ability to respond to the pandemic will be highly constrained by the prevailing economic conditions and further worsened by the lockdown period,

It becomes necessary to:-

1. **Improve the Instruments and Measures provided to Municipalities to Combat the Pandemic;**
2. **Improve the Agility and Speed in decision making of acquisition of resources by Municipalities in response to the Pandemic.**

SALGA RATIONALE OF ALLOCATIONS

- The allocations for the **Municipal Disaster Relief Grant** are allocated at R354 Million to respond to the urgent Covid-19 directives as issued by the minister of COGTA - **this is insufficient** to cover the sector in terms of the interventions municipalities have already undertaken;
- SALGA is advocating for an **upfront disbursement** of the MDRF to respond to the urgent nature of COVID19 responses;
- **SALGA PROPOSED APPROACH**: An upfront allocation of funds to municipalities based on equitable share modelling and further applying a vulnerability component which considers:-
 - (i) **short to medium financial health of a municipality;**
 - (ii) **its community vulnerability;**
 - (iii) **institutional capacity; and**
 - (iv) **state of municipal infrastructure as follows;**
 - **140 Non WSA and Non Electricity License municipalities - MDRF (Municipalities)**
 - **8 Metros; 22 Intermediate cities and the 87 local municipalities** to use reprioritised infrastructure grants (MIG and USDG projected underspending for the financial year 2019/20).

R 20 BILLION LG PACKAGE ANNOUNCED BY PRESIDENT RAMAPHOSA



- This allocation is seen as part of a broader social package and interventions in responding to COVID-19;
- To address cash flow and liquidity challenges in municipalities for the provision of:-
 - emergency water supply,
 - increased sanitization of public transport and facilities;
 - providing food and shelter for the homeless.
- Areas that will be prioritised include;
 - **Addressing challenges of municipalities under financial distress;**
 - **COVID-19 Related Interventions;**
 - **Municipal Infrastructure and Services;**
 - **Contribution to the Broader Local Government Economic Response.**

CHALLENGES: ALLEGATIONS LEVELLED AGAINST COUNCILLORS

Media Release
For immediate release
08 April 2020

SALGA CONDEMNS BEHAVIOUR OF SOME COUNCILLORS ACTING IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE NATIONAL REGULATORY AND LEGISLATIVE DIRECTIVES

Whilst SALGA is encouraged by municipalities that are adhering to the range of directives issued by national and provincial government departments, and the exemplary conduct of many councillors and municipal officials who go beyond the call of duty in service of communities, we note with utmost concern and disappointment the reports of some councillors acting in direct contravention of the Regulations issued in terms of the Disaster Management Act, the Code of Conduct of Councillors and the values upon which our democratic state is founded.

In the first of such reports, it is alleged that a councillor from Mafikeng Local Municipality has been found to be unlawfully distributing travel permits to residents, enabling them to move around freely under the pretext of providing essential services in terms of the Regulations issued under the Disaster Management Act. As SALGA, we condemn, in the strongest terms, this unlawful and criminal behavior and are calling upon the municipality to urgently initiate proceedings against the said councillor and any other councillors, who are found to be in breach of the Code of Conduct for Councillors. Should a councillor be found to be in breach of the Code of Conduct, such a councillor may be removed from office by the MEC responsible for local government.

In the second report, it is alleged that contrary to measures introduced by the national lockdown, to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus, a councillor has been arrested in Polokwane as part of a group of people who were playing loud music and consuming alcohol in a public area. SALGA is calling upon the law enforcement agencies to continue to enforce the regulations without fear or favour and similarly calling upon the Polokwane Local Municipality to urgently initiate proceedings against the said Councillor for breach of the Code of Conduct for Councillors.

The third report, is of a video circulating on social media about both derogatory remarks and statements contradicting the President of the Republic, made by the Executive Mayor of Matjhabeng Local Municipality during a welcome address to members of the South African National Defence Force deployed in Welkom, Free State. Whilst we welcome the political action taken against the Executive Mayor, we also call upon the municipality to urgently initiate proceedings for breach of the Code of Conduct of Councillors.

In conclusion, mindful that we are dealing with extraordinary circumstances, which require extraordinary action and responses at a local level, SALGA is calling on all councillors and municipal officials to take leadership in this fight against COVID-19 and to work together with others spheres of government and stakeholders, to ultimately ensure strict adherence to the mitigation measures. It is only through these means that we can collectively defeat this pandemic and ensure the safety of our communities.

INCIDENTS OF ALLEGED BREACH OF CODE OF CONDUCT

EASTERN CAPE				
MUNICIPALITY	ISSUE	ACTION TAKEN BY MUNICIPALITY	ACTION TAKEN BY POLITICAL PARTY	ACTION TAKEN BY LAW ENFORCEMENT
Chris Hani District Municipality	ANC Chief Whip was found transporting liquor & driving under the influence; refused to stop and was chased until he was arrested.	Before the Municipality could take action, the Councillor resigned	The ANC issued a statement condemning his behaviour	Councillor was arrested
King Sabath Dalindyebo Local Municipality	Ward councillors are not distributing the food parcels fairly and the criteria of who should receive food parcels is not clear	Municipality refuted the claims & that SASSA distributes the food parcels.	No action has been reported	

INCIDENTS OF ALLEGED BREACH OF CODE OF CONDUCT

MUNICIPALITY	ISSUE	EASTERN CAPE ACTION TAKEN BY MUNICIPALITY	ACTION TAKEN BY POLITICAL PARTY	ACTION TAKEN BY LAW ENFORCEMENT
Matatiele Local Municipality	A councillor has been found to be unlawfully distributing travel permits to residents in term of the Regulations issued under the Disaster Management Act.	Municipality has stopped Councillors from issuing permits, Municipality also issued a media statement condemning any behavior of this nature.	No action by the political party has been reported	Police said to be investigating the matter.
Nelson Mandela Metro Municipality	2 Councillors accused of issuing permits contrary to Regulations	The Speaker is considering different options to deal with the matters.	The DA has reported that an investigation is underway & ANC has initiated Disciplinary Proceedings	The councillors were arrested, charged and issued with fines of R5000.

INCIDENTS OF ALLEGED BREACH OF CODE OF CONDUCT

FREE STATE	
Matjhabeng Local Municipality	<p>A video circulating on social media about both derogatory remarks and statements contradicting the President of the Republic, made by the Executive Mayor of Matjhabeng Local Municipality during a welcome address to members of the South African National Defense Force deployed in Welkom, Free State</p> <p>The Executive Mayor has taken special leave. The office of the Speaker is considering a number of options to deal with the matter and intends making representations to the next Council meeting.</p> <p>Councillor has been suspended by the ANC</p>

INCIDENTS OF ALLEGED BREACH OF CODE OF CONDUCT

GAUTENG

City of Tshwane Metro	Councillors accused of distributing food parcels only to their own constituencies	With the Municipal Council dissolved, and with not Councillors in office, no action has been taken by the municipality	No action has been taken
Midvaal Local Municipality	Councillor under investigation for soliciting money for data from the poor	The municipality is looking into the matter.	The ANC is investigating the allegations.
Emfuleni Local Municipality	Councillors accused of distributing food parcels only to their own constituencies	Matter has been referred to the Municipal Ethics Committee a report will be shared on conclusion of the matter	No action has been reported

INCIDENTS OF ALLEGED BREACH OF CODE OF CONDUCT

LIMPOPO

Bela-Bela Local Municipality	Councillors accused of selling food parcels to tuck-shops owned by foreign nationals	The municipality issued a media statement that the allegations are fake news.	No action taken	No action taken
Collins Chabane Local Municipality	Ward councillor accused of selling proof of residence documents for R300	Council to still decide on the action to be taken		A warrant of arrest has been issued for the said councillor
Makhado Local Municipality	Councillor had a birthday party with colleagues, friends and business people contrary Regulations	Councillor suspended and matter referred to the Ethics Committee and a full month's salary will be docked	The ANC will appoint a councillor to act in her duties	Councillor has been charged by law enforcement authorities
Polokwane Local Municipality	A councillor was found drinking with a group of people	Matter has been referred to the Ethics Committee	No action reported	Councillor was arrested

INCIDENTS OF ALLEGED BREACH OF CODE OF CONDUCT

KWAZULU NATAL

Msunduzi Local Municipality	It is alleged that in the Pietermaritzburg food is being secretly stockpiled for use in the local government elections	Mayor issued a statement saying that the municipality is not involved in the distribution of food parcels and that the recipients were identified by Operation Suka Sakhe	No action taken
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MPUMALANGA

Steve Tshwete Local Municipality	Councillor was arrested for selling fake business permits to foreign nationals	Councillor has been suspended by the municipality	Arrested by law enforcement authorities
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INCIDENTS OF ALLEGED BREACH OF CODE OF CONDUCT

NORTH WEST

Moses Kotane Councillor accused of selling hand sanitiser to foreign owned shops and threatening those who would not buy from her
 The Councillor has ANC membership suspended her membership by MMC by Municipality

Ramotshere Moiloa Local Municipality Councillors requested businesses for food parcels for personal gain
 No real action has been taken against the Councillor
 No action reported

NORTHERN CAPE

Z S Mgcawu District Municipality Councillor took contents out of food parcels
 Case not confirmed as true

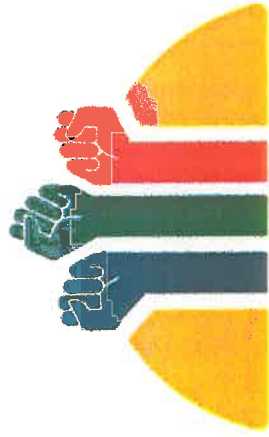
WESTERN CAPE

Witzenburg Local Municipality Councillor caught transporting seasonal workers to their homes
 Matter being investigated



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PROPOSED LOCAL GOVERNMENT SOLIDARITY PLEDGE



**Solidarity
Fund**

Unity in action



PROPOSED LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

- Acknowledgement: Councillors are the least earning public office bearers with a huge gap between local and both provincial and national public office bearers;
- Councillors are yet to receive the annual increase for the 2019/20 financial year – to be back dated to 1 July 2019;
- As a gesture to respond to the President's call it is proposed that Councillors pledge the 4% annual increase for April, May & June 2020;
- Contributions should be used at a municipal level, linked to a COVID-19 programme targeting the vulnerable in the community.

What does this translate to in practice?

EXAMPLE: CITY OF JOHANNESBURG 3 MONTHS' INCREASE PLEDGE



- **270 Councillors:**
 - Full-time Councillors contribution: R 260, 362
 - Part-time Councillors contribution: R 1, 244, 022
 - TOTAL : R 1, 504, 384**

- The **R 1, 504, 384** could constitute seed funding for municipalities to encourage local stakeholders, roleplayers and communities to contribute and be directed towards:-
 - Programmes targeting the vulnerable in the community;
 - Fund high-impact initiatives such as improving the well-being of targeted communities, Combatting Homelessness; Food Security and assistance to informal traders; Safe Havens; the unemployed and job seeking young people.

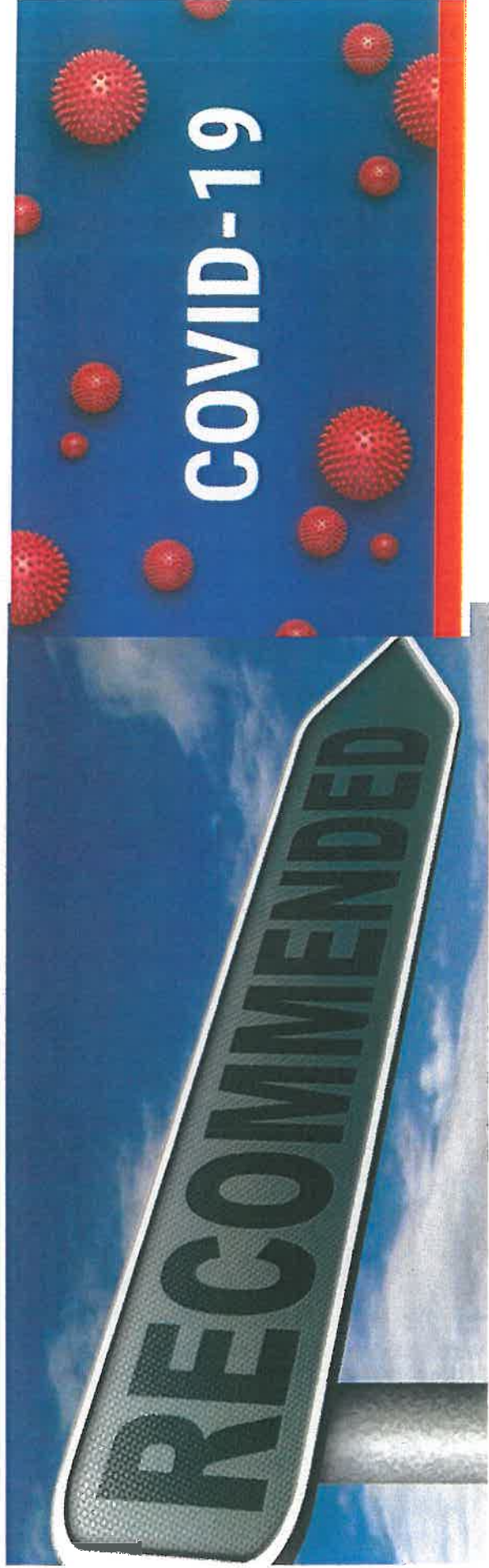
SALGA NEC RESOLUTIONS



The SALGA NEC RECOMMENDED that:-

1. Councillors, municipal officials and SALGA Staff should respond to the President's Call;
2. Councillors should pledge to contribute the 4% annual increment for the months of April, May & June 2020;
3. Senior Managers of municipalities and SALGA staff should pledge their annual increment for the months of April, May & June 2020;
4. the South African Local Government Bargaining Council should be approached to recommend that municipal bargaining staff make a similar contribution;
5. Every municipality considers establishing a Municipal Solidarity Fund Linked to COVID-19 and other related future municipal support initiatives;
6. All pledges/contributions should be paid into the Municipal Solidarity Fund;
7. The contributions from Councillors and municipal officials should constitute seed funding for the Municipal Solidarity Fund to encourage other stakeholders and role players within the municipal area to contribute;
8. All contributions so made should be used at a municipal level, linked to a COVID-19 programme targeting the vulnerable in the community and to immediately fund high-impact initiatives such as improving the well-being of targeted communities, Combatting Homelessness; Food Security and assistance to informal traders; Safe Havens and the unemployed and job seeking young people.

RECOMMENDATIONS



RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Portfolio Committee resolved to:

- 1. NOTE** the COVID-19 directives to local government;
- 2. NOTE** the response of Local Government to COVID-19;
- 3. NOTE** the Impact of COVID-19 and the related directives on municipalities;
- 4. NOTE** the Proposed Local Government Solidarity Pledges.



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Draft Minutes of the Portfolio Committee on Employment and Labour, jointly with the Select Committee on Trade and Industry, Economic Development, Small Business Development, Tourism, Employment and Labour

Date : Wednesday, 22 April 2020

Time : 10:00

Venue: Virtual meeting

Agenda

Briefing by Department of Employment and Labour (DEL) on Unemployment Insurance Fund (UIF), Compensation Fund (CF) and Inspection and Enforcement Services (IES) on experiences, challenges and future plans with regards to the Covid-19 during the extended lockdown period and beyond.

Attendance by Committee Members

Portfolio Committee on Employment and Labour

Status	Name of Member	Political Party
Ms	ML Dunjwa (Chairperson)	African National Congress
Dr	NP Nkabane	African National Congress
Ms	NL Hermans	African National Congress
Mr	M Nontsele	African National Congress
Ms	AS Zuma	African National Congress
Mr	M Bagraim	Democratic Alliance
Dr	MJ Cardo	Democratic Alliance
Ms	H Denner	Freedom Front Plus

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Status	Name of Member	Political Party
Mr	X Ngwezi	Inkatha Freedom Party

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Mr	NE Hinana (Alternate Member)	Democratic Alliance
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Absent

Status	Name of Member	Political Party
Mr	SW Mdabe	African National Congress

Select Committee on Trade and Industry, Economic Development, Small Business Development, Tourism, Employment and Labour

Status	Name of Member	Political Party	Province
Mr	MI Rayi (Chairperson)	African National Congress	Eastern Cape
Mr	MK Mmoiemang	African National Congress	Northern Cape
Mr	ER Landsman	African National Congress	North West
Mr	M Dangor	African National Congress	Gauteng
Ms	HS Boshoff	Democratic Alliance	Mpumalanga
Mr	T Brauteseth	Democratic Alliance	KwaZulu-Natal
Ms	J Londt	Democratic Alliance	Western Cape
Mr	T Apleni	Economic Freedom Fighters	Eastern Cape
Ms	BT Mathevula	Economic Freedom Fighters	Limpopo

Absent

Status	Name of Member	Political Party	Province
Ms	LM Moshodi	African National Congress	Free State

Executive, Ministry, Departmental, public entity representatives and other stakeholders

Name of delegate	Organisation	Designation
Mr TW Nxesi	Department of Employment and Labour (DEL)	Minister

Ms B Moloji	DEL	Deputy Minister
Mr T Lamati	DEL	Director-General
Mr T Maruping	DEL	UIF Commissioner
Mr V Mafata	DEL	CF Commissioner
Parliamentary support staff		Designation
Ms N Dinizulu		Committee Secretary (SC)
Ms M Solomons		Committee Secretary (SC)
Mr Z Sakasa		Committee Secretary (PC)
Mr L Sishuba		Content Advisor (SC)
Mr S Ngcobo		Content Advisor (PC)
Mr Z Ngxisha		Committee Researcher (SC)
Mr A Ganief		Committee Researcher (SC)
Mr T Mokoena		Committee Researcher (PC)
Ms P Ntabeni		Committee Assistant (PC)
Mr E Bazier		Committee Assistant (SC)

1. Opening and Welcome

The Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Employment and Labour, Ms Dunjwa, declared the meeting open and welcomed all present. She indicated that the Committee is meeting during the challenging time when the Covid-19 pandemic has created panic not only in South Africa, Africa, but also the world over. The Chairperson congratulated the government of South Africa led by President Ramaphosa, on the strides and great work done for the people of South Africa. She also applauded, on behalf of both Committees, the Department of Employment and Labour led by Minister Nxesi, and Deputy Minister Moloji, working together with the Director-General and Departmental officials.

The Chairperson noted with concern the voice recording sent by one member of the Portfolio Committee and indicated that this is an unfortunate incident when the country is facing serious challenges. She further mentioned that people of South Africa should be united and stop the blame game. She announced that Mr Rayi, of the Select Committee would chair the questions

and answers session of the meeting. She then handed over to the Committee Secretaries to do the roll call for both Committees.

2. Overview by the Minister

The Minister reaffirmed the commitment to this critical role of Parliament and the Committees that hold the Department, Executives and officials to account. The Department fully expect to receive criticism even from the opposition, since it is their role in democracy. People should know and understand that Covid-19 is quite a demon, intense and a unique phase of struggle in government, and for South African people. However, it helps when everybody has access to the same set of facts from the Department and UIF. The Department is busy expanding its information capacity so that everyone shares the latest information in what is a very rapidly changing environment. As government seeks to slow the spread of the virus, whilst mitigating the devastating economic consequences for the workers, companies, and even the poor in particular and this is where the UIF comes in.

The Minister stated that, by end of Tuesday, 21 April 2020, UIF paid an amount of R1.6 billion from the money set aside for Covid-19 and temporary employer/employee relief schemes (TERS) benefit, assisting more than 37 companies and 606 000 workers, and still continuing processing claims as they come. In addition, the Department is finalising applications which will be paid out shortly from the Bargaining Council's Employer Associations in the engineering textiles, clothing, restaurant, catering as well as the metal sector which altogether represent 1.8 million workers.

The Minister applauded the Road and Freight Bargaining Council which has paid R150 million from their own funds to 13 000 workers. The Department is in the process to reimburse the amount from the UIF. The Bargaining Council has also topped up the difference between UIF and the normal salaries. The Department also encouraged more employers who can manage to pay employees' salaries to do so and claim from the UIF. The Department would continue to pay the normal UIF beneficiaries including Maternity, Paternity and death benefits. This is separate from Covid 19, and these beneficiaries need not submit the monthly continuity forms during the lockdown.

Ever since the lockdown started the Department paid almost R522 million across the nine provinces for those normal benefits. He stated that from the beginning of the lockdown the magnitude of the task the Department faced was apparent. The UIF has over 18 million employers representing 8 million workers, which shows that the fund would be overwhelmed by the volume of the individual claims. Moreover, the Department was concerned that traditional model of individual walk-in claims would compromise the goal of social distancing and endanger the staff and public. The Minister encouraged the online applications for faster processing and to maintain social distancing. The Minister informed the members of Parliament that he engaged with insurance companies and the banking sector to strengthen the ICT systems to cope with volume of transactions needing to be processed.

Therefore, the Department opted to move to a system of mass disbursement of benefits through the employers' sectoral associations and the bargaining councils, which required first agreement from the social partners at Nedlac. The Department spent a lot of time trying to come up with agreements with individual bargaining councils and employers. There were negotiations and differences, but a consensus was reached and only then people were requested to make submissions.

2. Department of Employment and Labour

2.1 Unemployment Insurance Fund (UIF)

The Director-General of the Department of Employment and Labour, Mr Lamati briefed the joint meeting on UIF, focussing mainly on service delivery outcomes, Disaster Management Regulations, Department of Employment and Labour response to Covid 19, administrative process, Covid 19 TERS applications, Bargaining Councils progress, statistical information, trends of online applications, summary of payments, as well as challenges and interventions.

2.2 Compensation Fund

The Director General presented on the Compensation Fund indicating that it has activated its Crisis Management Committee in terms of the Business Continuity Plans of the Fund.

The Crisis Management Committee comprises the Senior Management of the Fund and Heads of Employee Wellness and Facilities Management. Mission Critical Functions were

identified by the Crisis Management Committee and form the basis for the operations of the Fund during the lockdown.

The DG reported that all functions of the Fund are operational at 50% capacity in order to achieve social distancing and mitigate the risks of exposure to COVID-19. The staff at Head Office and Provincial Offices operate in two shifts of 50% each on alternate days. All services of the Fund have been made available online and there is therefore no need for any client to go to the Labour Centres or the Compensation Fund Walking Centre. The call centre is fully functional and emailed enquiries are also attended to by the call centre agents and claims processing staff.

Post lockdown all services will be accessed using electronic platforms (Call Centre, E-Mail and Online). The Return of Earnings season would be extended by a further 30 days to 30 June 2020 to reduce congestion. A temporary site for Manual submission of Return of Earnings will be established to allow for adherence of social distancing guidelines. Walk-in centres will remain closed and operate on appointments and electronic enquiries until 31 August 2020.

2.3 Inspection and Enforcement Services (IES)

The Department indicated that inspections have been conducted in the sectors that include Retail and Wholesale, Pharmacies, Petrol Stations, Security, Manufacturing, Iron and Steel, Finance (Banks), Hospitality, Food and Beverage, Construction and Agriculture, as well as in Government Employers like Post Office, SAPS, Departments of Health, Social Development, Justice, Municipality and Community Services.

3. Deliberations and Resolutions

Members of both Committees deliberated as follows:

Members of both Committees jointly welcomed the presentation by the Department of Employment and Labour on UIF, CF and IES.

The Member noted with concern the frustrations experienced by employees during the Covid-19 with regard to payments of salaries. The Nweti Readira JV Construction in Merafong, Carletonville in Gauteng Province was mentioned as an example.

A discussion ensued with regard to a video recording circulating in the social networks which, it is alleged that it does not present a true reflection of what is happening in the Department. The Portfolio Committee Member responsible for the circulation of the video, was requested to withdraw it, but was not persuaded. The Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee took it upon herself to seek clear guidance from the Offices of the House Chairperson and the Speaker with regards to appropriate steps that can be taken to address this matter.

The role of the Department with regard to assisting employees who had UIF money deducted from their salaries by employers but not paid over to the UIF will need to be clarified.

4. Responses from Department

With regard to payment of employees' salaries by UIF to employers, an SMS would be sent to workers to inform them that the money has been paid to their employers. In order to address the issue of employers who failed to insure their workers, the Department indicated that appropriate steps would be taken to ensure that they complied, but this would not disadvantage the employees in terms of getting their salaries.

The DG indicated that all applications have been processed and paid except those who have submitted incorrect or incomplete information such as incorrect bank accounts and false information. All the information submitted has to be verified before processing payments. The Department continue to engage with the employees to submit correct information.

The Minister concluded in his closing remarks that a number of companies might take long to recover after Covid 19, while some might not recover at all. The Department would have to contribute R1.2 million on UIF to assist the companies faced with massive retrenchments.

5. Resolutions

The Members requested the Department to submit outstanding responses by not later than Friday, 24 April 2020. The Chairperson indicated the matter with regard to the voice recording would be discussed with the Speaker, Chief Whip and House Chairperson.

6. Closing

The meeting adjourned at 12:30.

Ms ML Dunjwa, MP

Date

Chairperson: PC on Employment and Labour

Mr MI Rayi, MP

Date

**Chairperson: SC on Trade and Industry, Economic Development,
Small Business Development, Tourism, Employment and Labour**

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INTRODUCTION

- **South Africa** and the **world** are confronted by the **COVID19** pandemic.
- The **State of National Disaster** has been declared in terms of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002).
- The **President** declared a 21 day **lockdown** from 26 March–16 April 2020, which has now been extended by two weeks (14 days).

BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLANS

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INTERVENTIONS

- A notice was published on the Government Gazette on the 26th March 2020 confirming COVID-19 contracted in the workplace as an occupational Disease.
- A dedicated team of Medical Professional has been established to manage claims reported with regards to COVID-19
- Priority for the claims are those profession who are at high risk of infections such as Healthcare workers and those employed to assist healthcare workers

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INTERVENTIONS

- Benefits payable are compensation for temporary for temporary total or partial disablement paid in terms of section 47(3)(a) of the COID Act and medical aid in terms of Chapter VIII of the COID Act.
- These benefits will be paid when an employee who contracted the virus is required to self isolated or go into quarantine or where there is further medical treatment required
- Where the illness results in death or permanent disability, the Fund will pay the related benefits.

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COVID -19 CLAIMS RECIEVED TO DATE

- As at 16 April 2020, the following claim had been submitted:

LEGEND: ER = Employers Report/ ID = Identify Document/ FMR = First Medical Report/ EMQ = Exposure & Medical Questionnaire PR = Pathology Report

Employer/ Company	Province	Date Reported	ER	ID	FMR	PR	EMQ	Registered	Date Registered	Adjudicated	Outcome	Outcome Date
Mintek	GP	24/03/2020	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	26/03/2020	Yes	Liability Accepted	03/04/2020
St Augustines Hospital - Netcare	KZN	08/04/2020	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	08/04/2020	Yes	Liability Accepted	14/04/2020
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St Augustines Hospital - Netcare	KZN	08/04/2020	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	14/04/2020	Yes	Liability Accepted	15/04/2020
St Augustines Hospital - Netcare	KZN	08/04/2020	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	14/04/2020	Yes	Liability Accepted	15/04/2020
St Augustines Hospital - Netcare	KZN	08/04/2020	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	14/04/2020	Yes	Liability Accepted	15/04/2020
Department Infrastructure Dev	GP	09/04/2020	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	09/04/2020	Yes	Liability Not Accepted	15/04/2020

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POST LOCKDOWN ACTIVITIES

- All services will be accessed using electronic platforms (Call Centre, E-Mail and Online)
- Return of Earnings Season will be extended by a further 30 days to 30 June 2020 to reduce congestion
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- Walk-in centre will remain closed and operate on appointments and electronic enquiries until 31 August 2020

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POST LOCKDOWN ACTIVITIES

- The frontline, processing staff and congested offices will be returned phased in shifts for the purpose of deconcentrating and keeping social distancing in the following way:
 - In the First Month - 50% of the staff will continue to work on a single shifts
 - In the Second Month - 100% of the staff will go back to normal operations
- All other personnel will return to work as normal post the lockdown except in areas where there is congestion

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CHALLENGES AND LESSONS LEARNED

- COVID-19 is a new disease which can be both community contracted and occupationally contracted which makes it difficult to assess once reported.
- A questionnaire was published with the notice to assist the medical officers in assessing such claims.
- Confirmation of the virus may not involve a medical doctor which makes the compilation of medical reports as required in terms of COIDA difficult, however the assessing panel utilises the pathological reports that confirm the virus to make decision on liability
- Despite large numbers of confirmed cases, there is little numbers of claims registered by employers

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PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

CHAIRPERSON: HON. VS SIWELA, MP

NOTICE

Please take note of a Joint Virtual Meeting of the PC on Small Business Development and Select Committee on Trade and Industry, Economic Development, Small Business Development, Tourism, Employment and Labour approved for the coming Tuesday, 28 April 2020 and scheduled as follows:

	AGENDA	VENUE	TIME
Tuesday, 28 April 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Briefing by the Department of Small Business Development on Financial Support Interventions recently announced by the Minister during Covid 19 Lockdown, with reference to:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Number or spread of applications received per each category and approvals;○ SMME Business / Growth Resilience Facility;○ SMME Debt Relief Scheme;○ Spaza Support Relief Scheme.• How is the Department dealing with influx of applications.	Virtual Meeting	16:00 – 18:00

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DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

Date: 4 May 2020

Time: 14h00- 16h00

Venue: Microsoft Teams

Agenda: Continuation of discussions with the Ministry of Justice and Correctional Services on COVID-19 related matters.

Committee members in attendance

Status	Name of Member	Political Party
Present	Mr. G Magwanishe (Chairperson)	African National Congress
	Mr. QR Dyantyi	
	Mr. H Mohamed	
	Mr. X Nqola	
Present	Ms. NH Maseko-Jele	Democratic Alliance
	Ms. WS Newhoudt-Druchen	
	Ms. JM Mofokeng	
Present	Mr. W Horn	Economic Freedom Fighters
	Ms. G Breytenbach	
Present	Mr. J Selfe	African Christian Democratic Party
	Dr M Ndlozi	
Present	Mr. S Swart	

Select Committee on Security and Justice

Province	Political Party	Members in attendance
Eastern Cape	African National Congress	Ms. Z V Ncitha (present)
Free State	Democratic Alliance	Mr. G Michalakis (present)
Gauteng	African National Congress	Mr. M Dangor (present)
	Economic Freedom Fighters	Mr. K Motsamai (present)
KwaZulu-Natal	African National Congress	Mr. E M Mthethwa (present)
	Inkatha Freedom Party	Mr. S E Mfayela (present)
Limpopo	African National Congress	Chairperson Ms. S Shaikh (present)
Mpumalanga	African National Congress	Ms. M P Mmola (present)

	Economic Freedom Fighters	Mr. S Zandamela (present)
Northern Cape	African National Congress	Mr. A B Gxoyiya (apology)
North West	African National Congress	Mr. T S C Dodovu (present)
	Democratic Alliance	Ms. C Visser (apology)
Western Cape	Democratic Alliance	Mr. I M Sileku (present)

Parliamentary support staff

Name of support staff	Designation
Mr. V Ramaano	Committee Secretary
Mr. S Mthonjeni	Committee Secretary
Ms. C. Silkstone	Content Advisor
Ms. G Nesbitt	Committee Researcher
Mr. M Dano	Committee Researcher

Office –bearers and officials in attendance

Name of delegate	Institution/Department
Mr. R Lamola	Ministry of Justice and Correctional Services and NPA
Mr J Jeffery	
Mr. P Holomisa	
Mr. M Zenzile	
Mr. A Fraser	
Mr. JB Skosana	
Adv. S Batohi	
Mr. R de Kock	
Ms. K van Rensburg	
Ms. B Makeke	
Mr S Zikalala	

1. Adoption of Agenda

The Chairpersons welcomed all to the meeting, read the agenda and noted apologies. The Committee Secretary did a roll call of members who were present in the meeting.

2. Briefing by the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services on COVID-19 related matters

The Minister welcome the opportunity to further deliberate with the Committees on measures that have been put into place by the Ministry to deal with COVID-19 related matters.

3. Concerns and comments raised by the Committees

- The Committee wanted to know what procedure and process would be used to release the offenders with nonviolent during the lockdown period as announced by the President.
- Members raised concern that screening is not helping the Department to curb the spread of COVID-19; the Department should rather focus on giving those who have pre-existing conditions such as Tuberculosis (TB) and HIV/AIDS vitamins to boost their immune systems especially now that the winter season is approaching.
- Members wanted to know the burden caused by the lockdown regulations on the criminal justice system to what extent are they contributing to the case backlog.
- The Committee welcomes the initiative by the Ministry ensuring that the Chief Masters Offices is operational under strict guidelines to ensure people have access to services. However, how is the Department going to manage the long queues of people who would wake up in early hours to ensure that they access the services.
- Some members wanted to know how the Department isolates inmates during the lockdown if they test positive. In addition, how many officials and inmates that recovered after testing positive and for what is the waiting period for officials to return to work after they have recovered.
- Members wanted to know if anyone tested positive in the big courts such as the Supreme Court of Appeal and what is the plan of the Department to ensure that these courts stay operational if anyone might be positive.
- Concerns were raised about the correctional centres in rural areas, what special arrangements have the Department done to cater for them.
- Some members requested that spiritual leaders such as pastors be registered as essential services so they can visit some correctional centres and their congregations.

4. Adjournment and way forward

The meeting ended at 15h30. The committees agreed to schedule another to deal with the Strategic Plans and the Budget of the Departments.

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